

City Clerk's Office
August 10, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on August 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Matt Gould, Steve Schell, Vance Keller and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Sarah Carter, City Treasurer, Rob Gale, City Attorney, David Stimatz, Fire Chief and Leslie Carlholm, Economic Development Director. Marcus Ashlock and Dane Hernandez were in the audience. Absent was Councilmember Dustin Doze.

Mayor Upson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Upson opened the Budget Hearing and asked for comments or questions. There were no comments or concerns.

Councilmember Keller made motion to close the Budget Hearing at 5:05 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to adopt the 2016 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Schell. The budget was adopted with the vote being 4 ayes and 0 nays.

There were no public comments.

Citizens of the Month, adult and youth, were awarded to Crystal Helton and her daughter Clare Helton. The award was given as recognition for helping clean up the fairgrounds the morning following the Demolition Derby during the Hamilton County Fair. Crystal and Clare were not present and will be given their awards at a later date.

Councilmember Boy made motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Keller. The agenda was adopted with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Schell made motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2015 after correcting a word. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

Appropriation Ord. # 913 in the amount of \$125,674.15 was approved on motion made by Councilmember Schell, seconded by Councilmember Keller and all councilmembers voting aye.

Ordinance #686: AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2016 FOR THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, KANSAS was read section by section and as a whole. Councilmember Schell made motion to adopt Ordinance #686. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion. The ordinance was adopted with the vote being 4 ayes and 0 nays.

A request for a water service outside the city limits was received from Dale and Tova Barnes for their home on South Barton Street. Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the water service. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy, and all councilmembers voted aye.

Sewer service for residences outside the city limits in Carter's Addition was discussed. It was the general consensus that this project is not feasible at this time.

The alley in Block 1 of the City of Syracuse was discussed. Administrator Bloyd will do some research on this and talk to property owners.

Bringing the employee handbook up to date and adding the requirement of requiring a drug and alcohol test for any employee of the City of Syracuse involved in an accident with a motor vehicle while operating a city vehicle or machinery to the handbook was discussed. The Office staff will start working on this project.

Reports:

Economic Development: Leslie Carlholm reported that she had sent in the application to be an e-community. Carlholm told the council that August 21, 2015 would be her final day as Economic Development Director for Hamilton County. The City Council thanked her for her service.

Sand Park: We are still waiting on another quote for a new building.

City Administrator: Crew is patching and sealing streets. Fogging for mosquitos has been an almost daily event. The stand pipes were inspected on July 15, 2015. They need cleaned and need some repair. We are adding this to our 5 year plan.

City Clerk: Dinkel and Schwerdfeger have completed the Spanish class that they have been attending. The office will be closed on August 13, 2015 for a training session in Scott City.

Round Table: The purchase of the motel by new owners will be an asset to our community.

On motion from Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Boy and all members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Blake Upson
Mayor